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President's Office has sent us following advance text of press release it plans to issue at 0700 Saigon time, December 16, 1969:

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The Office of the Press Secretary at the Presidency issues the following release:

Today, December 16, 1969 the President informs that the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam has agreed with the Government of the United States on the third replacement of troops, which will be completed by April 15, 1970.

After this third troop replacement, the total strength

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of the U.S. forces in Viet-Nam will be reduced from the actual number of 484,000 men ~~XX~~ to 434,000 men by April 15, 1970.

This troop replacement, like the two previous replacements lay within the policy of the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Government ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of the Republic of Viet-Nam to gradually assume its increasing share of the responsibility to defend its country. This troop replacement also lies within the framework of the troop replacements for 1970 which the President has mentioned many times in the past.

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